

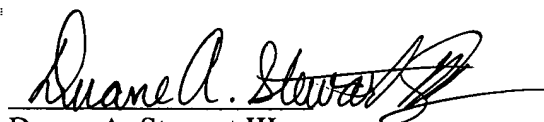
**REMARKS**

Applicants present this Preliminary Amendment to provide new claims. Please replace the previously filed claims in their entirety with the newly presented claims. Following entry of this amendment, claims 35-56 are pending. Claims 1-34 have been cancelled. Entry of the new claims and their allowance are respectfully requested. All the claims are generally supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants' new claims illustrate patentable inventions not taught or suggested by any of the art of record. Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper place this Application in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney directly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Stewart III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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